

In the Specification

Please replace the title as found on page 1 as follows:

PEACH TREE, '~~LARA~~' 'CALARA'

Please replace paragraph 0001 as follows:

[0001] The present invention relates to a new, novel and distinct variety of peach tree, *Prunus persica*, which has been denominated varietally as '~~LARA~~' 'CALARA'.

Please replace paragraph 0003 as follows:

[0003] The seedling '~~LARA~~' 'CALARA' was originated by us from a population of seedlings grown in our experimental orchards located near Fowler, California. The seedlings, grown on their own roots, were the result of a controlled cross of the yellow-fleshed freestone peach tree 'Fayette' (nonpatented), which was used as the pollen parent, and a late ripening, yellow-fleshed, clingstone peach tree, of known parentage (unpatented), which was used as the seed parent. One seedling, C10.060, which is the present variety, exhibited especially desirable characteristics and was marked for subsequent observation. After the 1997 fruiting season, the new variety of peach tree was selected for advanced evaluation and repropagation.

Please replace paragraph 0005 as follows:

[0005] '~~LARA~~' 'CALARA' is a new and distinct variety of peach tree, which is of large size, and which has vigorous growth. This new peach tree is also a regular and productive bearer of relatively large, firm, yellow fleshed, clingstone fruit which have good flavor and eating qualities. This new tree has a medium chilling requirement of approximately 700 hours, and further produces relatively uniformly sized fruit throughout the tree. The fruit produced by this new variety has a non-melting flesh which makes it ideal for storage. In addition, the fruit also appears to have good handling and shipping qualities. 'CALARA' is

most closely similar to the Autumn Lady Peach Tree (USPP 4398). However, it is distinguishable therefrom by ripening some 5-10 days later than the Autumn Lady Peach Tree when grown at the same geographical location. Still further, the 'LARA' 'CALARA' peach tree bears fruit which are ripe for commercial harvesting and shipment on approximately October 1 to October 12 under the ecological conditions prevailing in the San Joaquin Valley of central California. In relative comparison to the seed parent of the new variety, the present peach tree bears fruit 38 or more days later at the same geographical location. In comparison to the female parent 'CALARA' is more oblate in shape and exhibits a 40% to about 60% reddish blush. The female parent on the other hand is more elongated in shape and typically expresses about 10% to about 25% reddish blush over the fruit surface.

Please replace paragraph 0010 as follows:

[0010] Productivity. -- Productive. Fruit set varies from 1.5 to several times more than the desired crop load. Fruit set is spaced by thinning to develop the remaining fruit into desired market size fruit. The number of the fruit set varies with prevailing climatic conditions, and cultural practices employed during the bloom period and is therefore not distinctive of the variety. In comparison to the Autumn Lady Peach Tree (USPP 4398) the fruit set is greater and achieves economic production levels not typically experienced with the Autumn Lady Peach Tree.

Please replace paragraph 0084 as follows:

[0084] Color. --

Blush Color. -- This blush color is generally a faint red flecking on a minority of the skin of the fruit (approximately RHS Red Group 46 C), and generally is more present on the basal portions of the fruit. The blush covers approximately ~~30-50%~~ 40-60% of the

fruit skin surface. The percentage of the blush on the fruit skin surface can vary and is generally dependant upon the prevailing conditions under which the fruit was grown.

Please replace paragraph 0087 as follows:

[0087] Type. -- Clingstone. This is in contrast to the closest variety known, Autumn Lady (USPP 4398) which produces freestone fruit.

Please replace paragraph 0099 as follows:

[0099] Use. -- The subject variety 'LARA' 'CALARA' is considered to be a peach tree of the late season maturity, and which produces fruit which are considered firm, attractively colored, and which are useful for both local and long distance shipping.